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Letters received from 1st January 1791 to 10th May 1792

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To
Mr. John Wrangham
Acting Collector at
Madura

Sir

His Highness The Nabob having frequently complain'd to Government that Articles coming from the Country belonging to himself and family have been Stopped by the Collectors, by which he suffers much inconvenience; I am directed by the Board of Assumed Revenue to inform you that in future such Articles as are accompanied by a dustuck bearing His Highness's Chop, are to pass duty free —

I am Sir
Your most Obed^t S^t
(Sign'd)

Fort St. George
1st Jany 1791

Exam^d Fras. Mag^n Grant

To Alex^r Macleod Esqre
Collector at
Madura

Sir

Expecting that a General Settlement of the [illegible] in the assumed Countries will be required from me by the Board of Revenue for the approaching Dispatch I wish to collect such Materials as have not yet been received, to enable me to make it out; & among these is describing your Settlem[illegible]

and Kistbundy with the two Marawars altho' I have made three applications to you on the Subject, Viz. On the 1st and 20th Novr and on the 6th Decr yet the only documents I have received of the kind regard the District of Madura — I request therefore to be informed whether or not you have come to any final Conclusion with the Rajah's of Shevagunga and Ramnad? And if you have that you will please to dispatch your Settlement & Kistbundy.

I have also made two applications for your Monthly accounts Viz.t on the 6th and 21st Ultimo but have never had any reply to those parts of my Letters regarding them — Your accounts for October and November have been long due and those for December will in a few days. As I doubt not but you have had sufficient reasons for the delay in transmitting them yet I could have wished you had so far complyed with the request contained in my Letter of the 21st Ultimo as to have acquainted me therewith; for at this Season of dispatch many Statements may be required and particularly one of the [illegible] from the Assumed Countries to the latest period which without these I could not possibly [illegible] out — I trust by [illegible] them with [illegible] more Delay than may be absolutely required [illegible] I shall not be under the necessity of [illegible] backwardness on your part as a reason to

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the Board for my inability to furnish any State-
-ment of the above nature that I may be cal-
-led upon for, or for the irregularity of bringing
up the Books — I am Sir

Your Obedient Servt.

Fort St. George }
8th. Janry. 1791 }

(Sign'd) Leo. Place
Accountant to the
Board of Assumed Revenue

To

Mr. John Wrangham
Acting Collector at Madura

Sir

I am directed by the President and Mem-
-bers of the Board of Assumed Revenue to acknow-
-ledge the receipt of your's and of Mr. Macleod's
Letters dated 6th. Instant. They are Surprized
that Mr. Macleod should have Suffered so long a
time to elapse, without transmitting a Settlemt.
of Polygar Peishcush for Ramnad & Shevagunga
You will therefore lose no time in adjusting
an arrangement, and in Sending it, to the
Presidency — I am Sir

Your most [illegible]

Fort St. George }
14th. Janry. 1791 }

[illegible]

To Mr. Alexander Macleod
Collector at
Madura

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that application has been made by his Highness The Nabob for the Gardens mentioned in the Inclosed List; The Board desire that you will restore such as were allowed during the Assignment; but you must be particularly careful in distinguishing between Gardens and Commuttum lands, because the latter must by no means be restored. —

I am Sir
Your most Obed.t Serv.t
(Sign'd) ..

Fort St. George
28th Jany 1791

To Mr. John Wrangham
Acting Collector at
Madura

[illegible] directed by the Board of
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[illegible] Highness
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who is now in confinement at Ramnad. You will enquire by what Authority and upon what account this Man has been imprisoned, and if there shall appear no reasonable objection to his release you will accordingly take measures with Colonel Martinz for sending him to the Presidency.

I am Sir

Fort St. George } Your most Obed.t Serv.t
28.th Jan.ry 91 } (Signed)

Revenue Department

To

Mr. John Wrangham

Acting Collector at Dindigul

Sir

In reply to your Letter of the 19.th ult. lately received, I am directed by the President and members of the Board of Revenue to signify to you their approval of your report respecting the conduct of Khader [illegible], and that they concur in your recommendation to set him at Liberty after having made [illegible] the defici[illegible] in Grain, which [illegible] may be considered a [illegible] [illegible] suffered [illegible]

Fort St. George 15.th Feb.

To Mr John Wrangham
Collector at
Madura

Sir

I am directed by the President and Members of the Board of Assumed Revenue to inform you that Government have been pleased to comply with a request which the Nabob has prefered for the Security of his own Interests, and to allow the appointment of Mutseddies for the inspection of your accounts.—

You will however be careful in Observing, and particular in Explaining to Sooba Row for Ramnad Vencat row Gomasta for Madura and Vencata Row for Shevagunga and Mellon Naud whom the Nabob has appointed to inspect the accounts of your District, that their authority is confined to the Simple Inspection of your accounts, but none the smallest Interference in the management of the Country or negociation with the Inhabitants is understood to be allowed.

The [illegible] and
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] to
[illegible] of his High-

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-nesses Mutseddies.

I am Sir
Your most Obed. Servt.
(Signed)

Fort St George }
19th Feby. '91 }

Genl. Frat. Wm. Grant

To Mr. John Wrangham
Acting Collector at Madura.

Sir

We have received your Several Letters dated 22. 26th Janry 8th and 15th Inst. we have sub-mitted your representation relative to the She-vagunga and Ramnad Peshcush to the consider-ation of Government; mean while you will continue to receive such Sums as may be tendered in pay-ment of their Tributes —

We direct that you Communicate to Mr. Vaughan the petition of Moodutalla Pilla, and should that Gentleman persist in refusing all written Correspondence you will ascertain and represent how far any part of the Renter's Representation is true; because no interference on the part of Mr. Vaughan can be allowed in the District and because a Complaint of so serious a nature deserves the attention of Govern-ment. Though by the 3d. article of the an-nual agreement we reserved to ourselves the power

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of appointing Muzumdars [illegible] as necessary for them in the present instance, because it was never our intention to use that power but in cases of defalcation.

In your Letter of 15th Instant you have not detailed the particular causes whence the differences between the Renter and the Colleries have Originated; but we have reason to conclude from your expressions that Mootul-ulla pettah has made some unauthorized Exactions. In Order that no Delay may [illegible] in a matter which requires immediate decision, we direct that you investigate with attention and ascertain upon good authority the real causes of this dispute.

If the Renter shall be convicted of having made unjust demands upon the Colleries you will immediately take measures for freeing them from his Oppression, and for placing their Country under some more Eligible manager; but if on the other hand it shall be found that they have presumed upon the paucity of troops in your Districts, the matter must be reserved for the future recognition of Government.

We shall send our instructions relative

to the Exchange in a few days —

We are &c Sir

Your most Obed^t. Serv^ts.

Fort St. George
25th. Febry. 1791

(Signed) J. Hudleston
David Haliburton
W^m. Balfour

Exd. Fra. Alex^r. Grant

The J. Wrangham Esqr.

Sir

I ~~sometime ago~~ received a Letter from Mr Macleod Collector in the Madura District on the Subject of laying up the Paddy belonging to the Renter into Store — The Board have desired me to inform you that none is at present wanted for that purpose.

I am Sir
Your most Obed^t. Servt.
Thos. Cockburn

Fort St. George
26th. Feby. 91

To Mr. J. Wrangham
Acting Collector at
Madura

Sir,

We inclose Copy of a General Order published at the Presidency the 13th. November 90 and desire that you will advance to the Pay-master the Monthly Sum necessary for the pay-

payment of the Revenue Troops. These advances are to be made to the Paymaster upon the Pay Roll of the Battalion or Company, distinct from others on account of Garrison charges. The amount is to be brought to account under a Separate head.

We are, Sir,
Your most Obed.t Serv.ts
(Signed) J. Huddleston
David Haliburton
Wm. Balfour

Fort St. George
20th Feb.y 91.

Extract of a General Order published at the Presidency the 13th November 1790.

"All paymasterships of Revenue Troops are abolish'd, and the pay to the abovemention'd Troops is to be discharged by the paymasters of Garrisons and Districts where they may be Station'd without any additional Expence to the Company. This arrangement to take place from the 1st of December next."

A true Extract
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secy.

Exam.d
Fras. Alex.r Grant

a true Copy

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To Mr. John Wrangham
Acting Collector at
Madura —

Sir

Government have been pleased to direct that while the Nabobs Country shall remain under the Companies management The Ramnad Rajahs Tribute be fix'd at 220000 Rupees p Annum. The Hon'ble Board do not think themselves authorised [illegible] tho' they think the proposition very reasonable that the abovementioned Sum shall be Permanently fix'd as the Quantum to be exacted from the Rajah. We therefore direct that you lose no time in Completing a Settlement of the Peishcush according to the Orders of the Superior Board —

We are, Sir
Your most Obed. hble Servt.
(Sign'd) David Haliburton
Willm. Balfour

Fort St. George
6th March 1791
Ex. Fras. Ney. Grant

To Mr. John Wrangham
Acting Collector at Madura

Sir

In Order to facilitate the regularity of accounts in the Department of the Commissary of Grain and Provisions you will please, whenever you

you may have occasion to furnish Grain or any other articles of Provision to the Storekeepers at out Garrisons, or the Commissary of Grain and provisions with the army, to give unto the Storekeepers or Commissary &c.a an Invoice of such Supplies immediately after delivery, or as soon as it conveniently can be done —

We are Sir
Your most Obed.t Serv.ts
(Sign'd) David Haliburton
Will.m Balfour

Fort S.t George
6.th March '91
Ex.d Tho.s Alex.r Grant

To Mr. Alexander Macleod
Collector at Madura

Sir

Your Accounts from the 1.st of October to 31.st December have been laid before the Board of Audit and the following Remarks passed on them.

The Pay to Sepoy's employ'd at Dindigul being a Charge not incurred on the aforementioned Revenues, to be struck out of each months account and transferred to those for Dindigul.

You have omitted to Specify on what acc.t the Sum of Pag.s 474-23-12 in your November Acc.ts was disbursed. — The Board of audit therefore desire you will explain it, and Notify for what department it was made, to enable me to carry it to the proper Head in the Books —

In your December Account Current there appears a receipt of Pags. 74 34 72 being amount Sales of Paddy sold; but the Board are at a loss to know whether it is of the present Year's Crop, collected previous to your delivering over charge to the Renter, or of any remaining heaps of the last Years – They therefore desire You will explain it, and if it should be on the latter acct that you will signify whether or not any further quantity of Grain remains with you unsold.

I am Sir

Your Obedt. Servant

Fort St. George
8th March 1791

(Signed) Leo Place
Accountant to the
Bd. of Assumd. Revenue

To
Mr. Alexander Macleod
Collector in Madura

Sir

I beg to be favor'd with a Statement of the Collections you expect to make in the districts under your management from the commencemt. of the present month to the end of the Phasly Year — One side of this account must shew the Balance in your Hands on the 1st of March and the Collections you expect to make in each month from the Rented districts from those under Aumanee and from branches of Extra Revenue – – On the other side you will place the probable

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monthly Charges of Collection, Pensions and Charitable allowances, and every other Charge you think likely to Occur, so that the difference between the two Sides of your accounts may exhibit the Nett Sum remaining at the end of each Month to be appropriated by the Board of Assumed Revenue — at the bottom of this account I request you will subjoin a Note of your Collections to the end of last Month together with the Balance due from the Districts.

I am Sir

Your Obed. Servt.

(Sign'd) Leo Place

accountant to the B.d of Assum.d Revenue

Fort St. George }
12.th March 91 }

My Dear Sir

I have the honor of your Letter of the 10.th Inst. my absence from Dindegul has prevented its reaching me sooner — accept my Thanks for the News, — we have none here of any Consequence either from the Southward or Westward, and accounts from the army of which we have none later than the 6.th must reach you much sooner than we can receive them. — The Bullocks &c &c which I escorted from Dindegul to the army I had

no farther charge of them that of affording them protection during the march, The Madras Bullock drivers belonging to the different parties having the sole charge & responsibility thereof — The Bullocks loaded with Rice &c. &c. was delivered to Mr. Gorry assistant to Mr. Ringscott, and those not loaded to the Bullock Contractors.

Our little society at Dindegul will be made happy by your return there, where I must be in a few days hence

I am My Dr. Sir
with Esteem & respect,
Your most Obedt. &
Devoted Hble. Servt.

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21st. March 91

David Ogilvy
Lieut.

A. Macleod Esqr.

J. Wrangham Esqr.
Acting Collector of Madura &c.

Sir
From the accompanying Copy of General Orders and Extract of a Letter from the Secretary to the Military department if you think it to be the intention of Government that the Provincial Troops immediately under you in the districts in which you act as Collector are to be paid by me I have to request you will let me know the num-
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-ters and Rank in the different districts and from what time pay is due to them to enable me to make out my General indent of Cash.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt.
Humble Servant
J. Wrangham
Paymr.

Madura
20th. March 1791

To John Wrangham Esqr.
Collector at
Madura

Sir

I am directed by the Board of Assessed Revenue to desire that you will immediately prepare and transmit an account of the Yeomiah in your district for the whole year and that you will suspend all Payments on that head until the Receipt of our farther instructions —

Government not having yet made any Permanent arrangement for your allowance you will pay yourself up to the 31st. October 1790 at the rate of 250 S. Pas. pr. Mo.

I am Sir
Your most Obedt. Servt.

Fort St. George
21st. March 1791

Gd. Forbes Alexr. Grant

To Mr. John Wranghum
Acting Collector at
Madura

Sir

We have received your Letter of 13th Instant and are sorry to observe the unruly disposition of the Colleries. As the number of Troops in your district is so small, any attempt to use force might prove ineffectual and produce the most serious consequences without any prospect of Advantage; The conduct of these men must therefore be reserved for the consideration of Government, when the situation of affairs shall allow the adoption of some efficient measure. Mean while you will endeavour to impress them with a proper sense of their own Obstinacy and to assure them that their disobedience must in the end bring upon them the severest marks of the Company's displeasure. We think that in your Conferences with them you have too far descended from the reserve and distance which you ought to have maintained, and that the facility of your behaviour may have been in some measure the means of encreasing their Arrogance — At a time, when it was expedient to discourage every tendency to a rupture with men, who have always been prone to take advantage of the Sircar's embarrassments, we observe with much dissatisfaction the attempts of Moota Ilea Pillah to oppress them beyond the established Mamool. The Con-

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sequence of a resentment, which he has thus pro-
-voked must be borne by himself; and we shall
be very slow in admitting any Claim to remission
in the Madura and Mellore Rents, on acct
of the Collery inroads — In Order however
to conciliate their minds as much as possible
you will suspend the authority, with which
Moola Ecla Pillah has been vested over them
and place the Collection of their Peshcush
in the hands of some more eligible person

We are Sir

Fort St George Your most Obed.t Serv.ts
21st March '91 (Sign'd) J. Hudleston

Gd Frat Mery Grant

Wm Balfour

To Mr Alexander Macleod
Collector at Madura

Sir
Instead of the monthly abstract now
forwarded be pleased to draw out and send with
your monthly accounts an abstract of Gross Collec-
-tions and Disbursements in the following form.

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To Mr John Wrangham
Acting Collector at
Madura.

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 23d Instant with its inclosure. As Government have already been pleased to declare that they cannot extend their indulgence to the Rajah of Ramnad beyond the period, when the assumption may expire, they desire that you will communicate the above resolution to him —

We are Sir,
Your most Obed^t Serv^ts
(Signed) J. Hudleston
David Haliburton
W. Balfour

Fort St George
31st March 1791

Exam^d
Thos Alex^r Grant

To Mr J. Wrangham
acting Collector at Madura

Sir I am directed by the Board to transmit for

your

your information the accompanying Extract of a Letter from Government relative to the Exchange at Madura.

I am Sir

Fort St. George }
26th March 1791 }

Your Obedt. Servant

To John Hudleston Esqr.
President &c Members of the Board
of assumed Revenue —

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 12th Inst. and to inform you that previous to any alteration in regard to the Exchange at Madura, they desire you will instruct the Collector to consult with the Commandant, and, if he see no Objection, the abatement may take place agreeably to the recommendation of Mr. Wrangham — A true Extract (Signed)

To
Mr. John Wrangham
Acting Collector at
Madura.

Sir

Having received no answer to my Letter of the 12th ult. I imagine it may have miscarried. I therefore enclose a duplicate of it and request to be favored with the Statement as Expeditiously as possible — I am &c — (Signed) Geo Place

Fort St. George 4th April '91

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To

Mr. John Wrangham
Acting Collector at
Madura

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 6th Inst. and are happy to observe the prospect of reconciling the minds of the Colleries; but we desire that you take no measures for levying fines for their past conduct.

We are Sir
Your most Obedt. Servts.

Fort St. George
16th April 1791

(Signed) J. Hudleston
D. Haliburton
W. Balfour

Ld. Frat. Alexr. Grant

To Mr. John Wrangham
acting Collector at
Madura

Sir

On Comparing your gross Collections to the end of February, as inserted in the Note subjoined to the Estimate of probable receipts and Disbursements transmitted on the 15th Inst. with what they appear to be in the Books, I find a difference of Star Pagodas 75 " 73 which I request you will explain. The enclosed Memorandum taken from the Books will assist you in discovering where the error arises — I imagine it will be found in your account Current for the month of December where

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where a Sum of 74·34·72, nearly corresponding with the above, is inserted as the Amount Sales of Grain, and which you may have omitted — the difference between the two Sums of 2·1 has very likely arisen in the addition —

On the 21st of December I requested that a Monthly Jummah Khurch account which is the Counterpart in the Country language of your account Current might be transmitted along with your accounts, but have not yet received one — And on the 6th of the same Month requested you would also, "Send to the Presidency two monthly Jummah Wasil Bauky accounts, i.e. Demand Collection and Balance with each renter one to be written in English and the other in Persian or Mahratta signed by the Sheristadar or principal Mutseddy at your Cutcherree," but neither has this been sent. As both these accounts are very necessary. I must again request that they may be dispatched, at least from the Month of January last —

On the 2[illegible] [illegible] I wrote, enclosing the form of an Abstra[illegible] to be substituted in the room of the one originally required and could have wish'd it had accompanyed your March accounts as it is much wanted by the Board of Audit, and would have enabled me to discover where the error before mention'd had arisen. This will be so very necessary and useful that I beg it may

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be sent with all convenient Dispatch and that they may always be made out with particular correctness as it will be the only check to prevent any error creeping into the Books, and the smallest in any of the Items inserted in it will create great trou-ble both to yourself and me — at the foot of it I wish you to make a Note of the Several Ba-lances due from the Renter & the two Rajahs —

I observe in the Estimate lately sent you have put down Mellour as under Aumanee a change which I have not been informed of but now request to know when it took place, and that you will at all times acquaint me when any thing occurs that can affect the accounts — I have not yet received your Settlements with the two Marawars which are much wanted that I may debit them for the Kists that have fallen due —

I enclose an Extract from the Minutes of the Board of Audit. You will please to send a particular account of Payments that have been made to the Paymaster on account of Revenue Troops from the Commencement of the assumption.

I am Sir

Fort St. George — Your Obedient Servant

19th April '91 — (Sign'd) Geo Place

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Memorandum of Gross Collections made at Madura 28th February 1791 as per Revenue Books —

Payments

	Ms Pags
Payments by Moota Tila Pillay for Madura and Mellore to 28th February	17095 · 23 · 33
Ditto by the Rajah of Ramnad	13650 · 17 · 33
Ditto by the Do of Shevagunga	17889 · 30 · 64
	48,635 · 35 · 50
Account Presents	262 · 23 · 46
Total Gross Collection to 28th February '91	48898 · 23 · 16

Extract from the Proceeding of the Board of Audit – 2d April 1791.

Read Mr Wrangham's accounts for February 1791 –

For whatever sums have been paid to the Sebbendy previous to the receipt of the Order of 28th February the Vouchers of the Commandants must be transmitted and after the receipt of that Order no Charges to be made for Sebbendy except what is advanced expressly upon the pay roll of the Sebbendy which must be distinguished from those for Garrison Charges.

(Signed) J. Webbe Secy

A true Extract
Lio. Place
[illegible]

Dear Sir

Mr Kingscote has shewn me your Letter to him desiring to know to whom & on whose account I gave my receipts for the

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Bullocks &c which came to Camp from Dendegul
– For answer please to observe that I granted a
receipt to Lieu.t Ogilvy for 1905 bags of Rice
295 Bullock load of Gunny and 237 Bullock
load of Salt on account of the public Service.

The Bullocks were carried off after lay-
-ing down their Loads to the Contractors from
whom at leaving Munsurpettah I was fur-
-nished with a Sufficiency of Carriage to
carry all the Grain &c of the ground. –

I am Dear Sir
Your very Obed.t hl
Jn.o Gorry
Lieut.

Camp at
Vencatgerry
20.th April 1791

A. Macleod Esq.r –

Revenue Department

To
Mr Alexander Macleod

Sir

I am directed by the President &
Members of the Board of Revenue to acknowledge
the receipt of your Letter of this days date &
to inform you that you have their permission
to return to Madura agreeable to your request.

With respect to the payment of
the Money you have been called upon to
discharge on account of a defalcation of
Revenue for Phasely 1199 in the division
of the Jaghire lately under your managem.t

amounting

amounting to Pags 23110 - 7 3/16 and of which You have already paid Pags 11,000 - They have been pleas'd to agree to receive your Bond for the remaining Balance Pagodas 12,110 - 7 3/16 payable in Six Months. -

I am Sir

Fort St George
25th April 1791 -

Your most Obed Servt
(Sign'd) W. Harington
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To
Mr John Wrangham
Acting Collector at
Madura

Sir

Colonel Martinz having referr'd to the Consideration of Government a Claim which he had upon the Revenues of the Shevagunga previous to the Companys assumption of the Nabobs Countries they have been pleas'd to resolve under all the Circumstances of his Case that his demand shall be discharged from the Current revenues We desire in consequence that you will pay to Colonel Martinz Order the Sum of Sixteen thousand nine hundred and three Pagodas & bring it to account under the head of Charges Extraordinary.

We

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We are, Sir
Your most Obed.t Serv.ts
(Sign'd) T. Middleton
D. Haliburton
W. Balfour

Fort St. George
22.d April 93

To
Mr. T. Wrangham
acting Collector at
Madura

Sir

We have received your Letter dated 27.th April, and are concerned that the ill conduct of Mooto Tila Vella should have made it necessary for the Rajah to remove him from his Service. — at the time, when we trusted this man with the exclusive management of Madura, we were aware of the inconveniences which might result from the appointment of the Ramnad Minister to be a Renter under the Companies Authority, but his Extraordinary Character, to which the most respectable people have born concurring testimony together with the insufficiency of the other Offers of Rent induced us to adopt Mr. Macleod's recommendation. As he seems now to have forfeited all Claim to our farther good Opinion, it will be necessary for you to proceed with the greatest deligence as well as caution; for as he is a Company's Renter, You

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cannot deliver him up to his Master till his engagement shall be fulfilled; and it is possible that the Rajah may make this Circumstance a pretext for delaying or witholding the payment of his Peishcush but, though he should be insensible of the Companies indulgence in remitting so large a portion of his Tribute, yet as he must be convinced of their power to enforce obedience we trust to your care for preventing the accu-mulation of Arrears. —

Government have been pleased to determine that the Peishcush of Shevagunga be fixed during the assumption upon the same Terms, as that of Ramnad, Viz.t 220000 Rup.s You will therefore lose no time in concluding a Settlement accordingly.

We are, Sir
Your most Obed.t Serv.ts

Fort S.t George
6.th May '91 —

J. Hudleston
(Signed) D. Haliburton
W. Balfour

Ex.d
T. A. Grant

To
Alexander Macleod Esq.r
Collector of the Madura District

Sir I was honored with your Letter of the

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17th Instant; and tho' our force appears more on the
Returns than it really is, owing to the great
number of Recruits, yet, in compliance with
your request I have ordered Captain Moore
to march forthwith to Mellore with as many
of his Battalion as will be equal to two Compa-
-nies of Sepoys.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obt. Servt.
(Signed) Thos. Bridges

Trichinopoly
19th May 91

Extract of a Letter from Government
Dated 24th May 1791 —

We have received your Letter of the 19th Instant
and entirely approve the principle upon which you
President has recommended the Compensation to be
made to the Collectors of the assum'd Revenue —

On an attentive Perusal of the Several
Minutes enclosed in the Letter abovementioned &
on Reference to the acts of Parliament now in
Force, we are inclined to the Opinion expressed by
Mess.rs Haliburton and Balfour that the Reve-
-nue Oath comprehends every necessary Restriction
with respect to Accounts. Any charge made by
a Collector for money not actually disbursed
would be a Fraud, and Subject him equally to the
Penalty of the Oath, as if he had Knowingly
omitted to give Credit for Money actually received

He is required to execute the Duties of a Revenue Officer faithfully and prohibited from receiving any thing by way of gift or otherwise, over & above the Public Dues, for which he is justly & truly to account, all his accounts therefore are now given in under the Obligation of this Oath.

We hope the Oath is so understood by all the Collectors; but in Order to avoid any possible misconstruction of it, we recommend that you convey to each of them the Explanation we have now given —

With regard to Commercial restrictions we wish not, unless it should appear absolutely necessary, to proceed further than the Govr. General in Council has done in Bengal. A formal Prohibition, under pain of Suspension from the Service, must be notified to all the Collectors; and we trust to your Vigilant Superintendance (in which you will receive the fullest Support from us) to make it effectual.

We have but one observation to make, upon the allowances propos'd by your President for the Collectors of the assumed Revenue, which is, that no Revenue Servant Subordinate to your Board, should in our Judgement receive Emoluments of equal consideration with any of the Members of it, Instead therefore of allow-ing Eight thousand Pagodas pr Annum to each of the Collectors at Tanjore, Tinnevelly, and

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Nellore we have resolved that the Salary and Commission of Each shall not Exceed the Sum of Seven Thousand five hundred Pagodas p[er] Ann[um] — The Allowances recommended by your President for the other Collectors, are Entirely approve. —

a true Extract

(Signed) J. Webbe Sec[y]

Ex[d]
T. A. Grant

To
Mr. Alexander Macleod
Collector in the
Madura District

Sir

I beg to be favored with an Invoice of whatever Grain you may have delivered to Store-keepers together with the Charges incurred thereon from the Commencement of the assumption to the present date I am Sir

Your Obed[t]. Servant

Fort St. George
25th May '91

(Signed) Geo. Place
A.B. A.R.

To
Alexander Macleod Esq[r].
Collector at Madura, Nellore &c &c. —

Sir

I am honored with your Letter of the 20th requiring my assistance to furnish a Military Force for the Revenue Service in Nellore —

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I shall be very ready to contribute all in my Power, when the Commanding Officer feels himself properly authorised to comply with Your application, but you must be sensible that neither his authority or mine does extend beyond the limits of the Tinevelly District, and that it will be proper for you to apply in the first instance to the higher Powers. I can only add, whenever the Detachment is Ordered, I shall cause to be withdrawn from the different Farms as many Sepoys as can be spared, so as to relieve the Regulars from the Forts, whose Services I imagine will be more effectual & accept-able to you than the Provincials.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed.t
humble Servant
(Signed) B. Torin
Collr. of Tinevelly

Tinevelly
28th May '91

To
Alexander Macleod Esqr.
Collector the Madura Districts

Sir I have had the honor to write you on the 19th, that in Compliance with your application of the 17th for Troops to be stationed for a short period, at Mellore, for the purpose of assisting in the Col-

-lection of the Revenues, I had Ordered Capt.n Moore
with a party of his Sebundy Battalion to march
there. Capt.n Moore has since informed me of his
arrival, and has given me to understand that the
end proposed has not been answered, and that he
has been obliged to return to Madura. — I was
much concerned to find matters in such a State
in the Mellore District as he represented, which
your Letter of the 26th which I have just had
the honor to receive, confirms, & in reply to which,
I can only say that a Garrison consisting of
Two weak Battalions of Sepoys is ill able to
afford the assistance you deem necessary; But
that at any rate, was I ever so strong I could
not think of taking such a Step without a
previous communication with Government, & their
their Orders in Consequence, on the Subject — I
write the Board by this days Tappal.

I have the honor to be &c. —

Tritchenopoly }
29th May 1791 }

(Sign'd) Tho.s Bridges

Alexander Macleod Esq.r
Collector &c. Madura.

Sir

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the
receipt of your Letter of the 25th Inst. I am sorry
it is not in my power to furnish the assistance
you require having only 2 Companies of Sebundy
Sepoys

Sepoys exclusive of such Troops as are occasionally furnished by Colonel Bridges —

I have the honor to be &c

Tritchinopoly }
30th May 1791 }

(Signed) R. Andrews
Collr

To Mr Alexander Macleod
Collector at
Madura

Sir

I am directed by the Board to enclose for your information Extract of a Letter from Government and to recommend it to your serious attention. The Compensation mentioned in the first paragraph is 250 Pagodas per month fixed Salary, and a Commission of 1½ per Cent upon the amount of your net Collections. - The aggregate Sum not to exceed 7500 Pags per annum nor to fall short of 3500 Pags per annum — I am &c —

(Signed) J Webbe Secy

Fort St George }
30th May 1791 }

Exd T. A. Grant

To Mr Alexander Macleod
Collector at
Madura

Sir

Upon referring to your accounts for April, we are surprized and concerned to find

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that your Collections have been so inconsiderable and under the anxiety which the appearance of so large an Outstanding Balance at this advanced period of the Season must necessarily excite, it is our duty to call upon You for an immediate explanation of this matter. We therefore repeat our directions with which You have not yet complied Viz.t to furnish us without loss of time with a Jummabundy[illegible] account showing the Settlements receipts and Balance —

We are Sir
Your most Obed.t Serv.ts
(Signed) J. Hudleston
D. Haliburton
W. Balfour

Fort S.t George
30.th May 91.
Ex.d T. A. Grant

To
Mr. Alexander Macleod
Collector at Madura

Sir

Government having been pleas'd to comply with Doctor Anderson's application for grounds to be allotted to the purpose of Mulberry plantations; we desire that you will permit such spots to be enclosed as Mr. Ogilvie shall point out; and that you will enable him to defray the Monthly Expences of the labourers employed not exceeding the number of Twenty,

for

for fencing and laying out the grounds. Of this expenditure you will keep a separate acc^t

We are, Sir

Your most Obed^t Serv^ts

(Signed) I. Huddleston
D. Haliburton
W. Balfour

Fort St George
30th May '91

Ex^d
F. A. Grant

To
Mr Alexander Macleod
Collector in the
Dindigul

Sir

I beg to be favored with an account of whatever Grain you may have delivered to Storekeepers with the Charges incurred thereon from 1st Febry '90 to the present date —

I am &c

(Signed) Thos Cockburn
Sec^ry

Madras,
31st May '91

To Mr Alexander Macleod
Collector in the Madura and
Mellore Districts

Sir

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to desire you will obtain without the least delay as large a number of Draught and Carriage Cattle as can be

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supplied from the Districts under your Charge allowing the Owners a liberal consideration for them and you are immediately to transmit an Estimate of the Number which may be furnished within fourteen days after you receive this Letter, and of the Number which can be furnished in one Month, stating the Draught and Carriage distinctly — I am further directed to desire you will acknowledge this Letter immediately on receipt of it.

I am Sir
Your most Obed^t Servt
W. C. Jackson Secy

Fort St. George }
1st June 1791 }

Ex^d —

Revenue Department

To
Mr. A. Macleod

Sir The Subject of Compensating the Annual Collectors having lately come under the Consideration of the Board a mode was propos'd for this purpose upon a more equal and uniform principle than that which at present obtains — it has since been confirm'd by the approbation of Government and is to take place from the Commencement of Fusly 1201 — Each

Collectors

Collector is to draw a Salary of 250 Pagds. ꝑ Mth.
and a Commission of 1½ ꝑ Cent on the amt.
of his nett Collections untill the Commission
added to the Salary may amount to
the rate of Pags. 7500 ꝑ annum to
which the Emoluments of the most exten-
-sive Collectorship are limited.

As you receive the Salary of 250 Ps.
ꝑ mth. abovementioned in your separate Capa-
-city as Collector in the Districts of Rama-
-bad you will only draw the Commission of
1½ ꝑ Ct. on the amount of your nett
Collections from the Dindigul Province.

And in Order to preclude the possibility
of misconstruing the Injunctions of the
Revenue Oath prescribed in the Act of Parli-
-ament of 1784 it is hereby declared that
any Charge made by a Collector for money
not actually disburs'd is a direct Fraud &
will subject him to the Penalty of the Oath
as if he had knowingly omitted to give
Credit for money actually received. He is
required to perform the Duties of a Revenue
Officer faithfully and prohibited from receiv-
-ing any thing by way of Gift or otherwise
over & above the Public Dues for which he
is justly and truly to account. — All his Accounts

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therefore are given in under the Obligation of this Oath —

It has also been thought necessary & it is accordingly directed that each Collector shall be restricted from trading in any of the Manufactures or Produce of the Country under his Authority & from engaging in Loans or Money Transactions of any kind whatsoever in such Country except in his Official Capacity and on account of the Company. This to be Considered as a formal Prohibition under pain of Suspension from the Service

We are Sir
Your most Obed^t. Serv^ts.
J. Hudleston
T. Oakes
Geo. Moubray

Fort St George }
2^d June 1791 }

Cop^d and Ex^d
Chas. Wynne

A. Macleod Esqr.
Collector of Madura &c. &c. &c.

Sir Accompanying You will receive my Indent for Cash for the Month of June 1791.

I have the honor to be
Sir Your most Obed^t. Servt.
(Signed) G. Vaughan
Pay^r.

Madura }
3^d June 1791 }

To

Mr. Alexander Macleod

Collector at Madura.

Sir

I have received your two Letters of the 27th and 29th ulto. the former enclosing your Jumma Wasel Baukey to 14th Octr. and latter Jumma Khurch account to the end of Septr. and Abstract of your Collections & Disburse-ments to the end of March —

The above Jumma Wasel Baukey and Jumma Khurch accounts I can assure you are the first I have received - Every Account trans-mitted to my Office is entered in a Memorandum Book the instant it arrives and I am the more inclined to believe that no Error has been com-mitted by me - as all your accounts subsequent to the date of my letters of the 6th and 21st of December have been unaccompanied by the Persian Accounts although they were requested to be sent Monthly.

With respect to the Abstract you might have ventured to have inserted the Heads you mention were not provided for in the Form for the more it is detailed the more easily any Error which may have been com-mitted by you or myself may be discovered.

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However that no Obstacle may again be in the way of sending it compleat, I now enclose another Form in which I think I have included every Head whether of receipt or Disbursement that is to be found in your Accounts, so that you have only to put down Opposite to Each its amount to the 30th April instead of 31st March as on that day the Books close — be so good as to attend to the Order of the Columns which I have arrang'd as you will see, that each item may appear more distinctly —

On Comparing some of the Totals in your abstract with what they are as taken from your accounts Current, there were some dis-agreements which I could not account for, and therefore enclose form of a detached abstract containing the same number of Columns as there are Heads, in the one beforementiond in which I request you will insert the Sums which respectively belong to them in Each Month; and if you should discover any Error, however small that may have been Committed by Either of us, that you will let me know. —

You will recollect that the Charge for Gunnies in Novr amounting to Rupees 474 23.12 is not to be inserted as there is no Voucher to ascertain to what Head it is to be carried

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and also another Sum in December of Pags 92. 31. 45 under similar Circumstances. —

I have not yet received the Settlement with the two Marawars and therefore request they may be sent if possible by return of Tappal both in the Coin in which they are made and Star Pagodas. —

I am Sir

Your Obed.t Servant

Fort S.t George }
3.d June '91 }

(Signed) Geo. Place
A.B.&c.

To

A. Macleod Esq.
Collector at
Madura

Sir

I have received from Government Your Letters of the 6.th Ins.t to M.r Secretary Jackson and understand you have been directed to deliver over the Bullocks to my agent. It will very much forward the Service on this emergency that you Commu-nicate and arrange all matters in regard to the supply of Cattle with M.r Torin who has been so good to act as my agent and I have not a doubt all things will go well and that the Service will receive Essential Benefit. —

I am &c. —

(Signed) T. Cockburn
for the Contractors

Madras 13 June '91

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To

Mr. Alexander Macleod

Collector at Madura

Sir

We submitted to the consideration of Government your letter relative to the State of the Mellore Colleries. Your application for a complete Battalion with two Field Pieces was referred to Major General Musgrave but on account of the present situation of affairs and the weak State of the Southern Garrisons he is induced to think it would be impolitic to comply with Your requisition.

The Honble Board are therefore pleased to direct that as the force cannot be spared You must temporize with the Polygars and Colleries and endeavor by moderate measures to obtain from them the [illegible] of Tribute.

We are &c Sir

Your most Obed^t Serv^ts

Fort St George
16 June 91

(Sign^d) J. Hudleston

J. Haliburton

W. Balfour

Ex^d
K. A. Grant

To

Mr. Alexander Macleod

Collector in the Madura districts

Sir

It being of the utmost Importance that a considerable number of Bullocks Drivers should be im-

-tertained for the Service you will be pleased to use your best Endeavours to obtain two or three men from each Village in the Districts under your management, holding out to them the most liberal Encouragement if they consent to join the Army — and you will also if possible prevail on the Heads of the Villages to become responsible that the men shall remain in Camp — The necessity being urgent, the President in Council directs that you use every Persuasion to induce those people to enter the Service, and to proceed to Amboor, where they are to remain untill they can join the Army in Safety — On this Subject you will correspond with Mr Cockburn the Agent for the Bullock Contractors, who will provide for all Expences on this account.

I am Sir

Fort St George Your most Obedt Servt

18th June 1791 (Signed) W. C. Jackson

Secy

&c.ª

To

Mr Alexander Macleod

Collector at Madura.

Sir

I am directed to inform you that William Petrie Esqr has taken his Seat as President at the Board of Assumed Revenue. —

I am &c. —

Fort St George 24 June '91 (Signed) Jn. Webbe Secy

To Mr. Alexander Macleod
Collector at
Madura

Sir,

The Board of Assumed Revenue having come to a resolution of giving a monthly allowance to each Collector according to his rank in the Service as being more eligible than a fixed Sum for the purpose of building an habitation, I am directed to inform you of it — as it is to extend only to such Collectors as do not enjoy houses at the Circars expense, I request you will inform whether or not you are in this predicament — if you are you are permitted to make the charge from the date of your appointment, previously deducting all charges which have been heretofore introduced in your accounts for Repairs &c.

I am
Sir,
Your obed.t Servant
Lio Place
[illegible]

Fort St. George
July 1791

Alexander Macleod Esqr.
Collector at
Madura

Ans.t [illegible] Rec.d
7 July 91
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To Mr. Alexander Macleod
Collector at
Madura

Sir
We have received your letter of 19th Instant
and shall be well pleased if 25000 Chuckrams be
realized from the Mellore Country, but as we
observe that the greatest part of that Sum is to
be paid in bullocks, we direct that you lose no
time in ascertaining the actual value of the
cattle and we think it necessary at the same
time to caution you against receiving any, but
such as appear to you to be fit for Service in
the Field — We are Sir

Your most Obedt. Servt.

Fort St. George }
30th June 1791 } (Signed) Wm. Petrie
D. Haliburton
W. Balfour

Exd. Frans. Alexr. Grant

To Mr. Alexander Macleod
Collector at
Madura

Sir
You will transmit to us as soon as
it can be prepared after Receipt of this a Separate
Statement of the Charges incident to the
Collection of the district under your manage-
-ment Commonly called a Moyen Zabetah, which
is to include all Cutchery Sebbundy or Revenue
Servants of any description which after being

regulated by us will be considered as your fixed
Establishment for the ensuing year.

We are Sir
Your most Obed.t Serv.ts

Fort St George
2d July 1791

(Sign'd) W. Petrie
D. Haliburton
W. Balfour

To
Mr. Alexander Macleod
Collector in the District of Madura

Dear Macleod.

I suspect that your Calculation of the Rents of the two Marawars from Rupees into Star Pagod.s is made at too high a rate. You are to understand, that in the Companies Books all Rupees are brought to account at the rate of 350 for 100 Pagodas but your exchange is upwards of 400. I will thank you to send me an Account Current with Moota Ila Odea and one with each of the Marawars, debiting the Kists as they fall due both in the Coin in which the Settlements are made, and Star Pagodas; and crediting in the Coin in which the payments are made; that in which the Settlements are made and Star Pagodas — This you may do by making a Number of Columns in the accounts Current in which you are to distinguish the Several Coins.

The purport of this is that I may see the actual balance against the Renters which can only

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be done by having two Corresponding Columns on the
debit and Credit Side of the account containing
the Coin in which they are to account to you for
their Jummabundi. Thus The Renter of Mhadura
is to account in Chuckms, it is therefore necessary
that I should know what number of Chuckrams
you receive from him which being deducted
from the Number of Chuckms you receive from
him which being deducted from the Number of
Chuckms to be demanded from him shews the ba-
lance against him. This can never be done
by keeping his account in Star Pags only, for
the Exchange may vary between the Chuckms and
Pagodas so that he may perchance keep up his
Hists in Pagodas altho' in Chus there may be a
balance against him — For instance suppose he
is debited for a Hist of 500 Chus making Pags
200 by an alteration in the exchange when he
pays money 400 Chus may make the Same
Sum of Pagodas so that in one Coin viz.
Chus there is a balance of 100 against him
but in Pagodas there is nothing — But when
he pays the other 100 Chus he will appear
to have paid a greater Sum in Pagodas than
was due from him — The difference can only
be adjusted by Batta. For if he is debitted in
Pagodas in the Books the Chus must be brought
to account at a given rate which rate as the
actual exchange between the two Coins is al-
-ways varying, must be a fictitious one and the

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difference can be reconciled only by adjustment.

This becomes still more necessary with the Mara-
-wars where the Jummahs are made in Rupees
a Coin not in Circulation there — Their paym.ts
are made in Fan.s and in your accounts Current
are immediately reduced to Pagodas — how then can
I tell whether or not their payments are kept up?

Here I labour under a double disadvantage, not
only of the varying exchange between the Current
Coin of the Country and Pagodas, but an utter
ignorance of the relative Value of the Rupees
to the Country Currency or whatever other Coin you
may receive from them — This impediment can
be removed only by your first mentioning the Coin
in which their payments are made, then reducing
it into Rupees (the Coin in which they are to account
with you) at the exchange of the Day, and after-
-wards reducing those Rupees into Pagodas, also at the
Exchange of the Day. If as you now do you debit
them at the rate of 400 Rup.s and upwards for 100
Star Pag.s (an Exchange infinitely higher than it
is here) their Jummahs will appear to be discharged
when they are not more than 7/8ths paid up. —

I am
Dear Macleod
Yours very truly
L. Place

Madras
6th July 1791

I have just received your Letter of the 30th June
with the fresh Abstracts which now appear in proper
form — When you send the Madura Renters accounts

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Current, which you must understand is to be done monthly, make a note of the Charges to be written back to his debit for Madura But I think he should be debited for the Mellore Charges as he retained the District some time and should account for the Rents of the District to the time he was deprived of it — However note them also, and remark upon it in your public Letter. The advances must be debited to him, they were made by you and have not been recovered back — it does not signify their being made in Paddy.

I dont see that you have made any Collections from Mellore since it was taken from the Renter.

Revenue Department

To
Mr. Alexander Macleod
Collector in the Province of
Dindegull

Sir

You will herewith receive a Code of Regulations for the Guidance of all the Collector's acting under the Board of Revenue, to take Effect from the 1st of August and to which you are required strictly to conform —

We are &c.

Fort St. George
16th July '91

(Signed) Wm. Petrie
T. Oakes
Geo. Moubray

Copy & Ex.
Chas. Byrne

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To
Mr. Alexander Macleod
Collector at
Madura

Sir

Government having been pleased to order payment of the Civil allowances from 1st February to 30th April we desire that you will discharge the amount of your Salary up to that period —

Government have also been pleased to appoint Messrs. Wrangham and Linley to be your Assistants. The former with a Salary of 100 & the latter with a Salary of 50 Pagodas pr. Month who will be ordered to proceed with all convenient expedition: and we desire that you will give them such instructions as shall appear necessary for securing their attention and diligence, and for qualifying them in the various business of the Department to which they are now appointed.

We are Sir
Your most Obedt. Servts.
(Signed) W. Petrie
D. Haliburton
W. Balfour

Fort St. George
18th July 91

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Alexr. Mackenzie

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To
Mr. Alexander Macleod
Collector at Madura

Sir

I am directed by the Honble. the
President in Council to enclose a Copy of a
Letter addressed to you on the 26th. of Augt.
last by Mr. Secretary Chamier to which
no answer has been received —

I am Sir

Fort St. George
27th. July 1791

Your most Obedt. Servant
W. C. Jackson
Secy.

Exd. W. D. Ogilvie
Dy. Secy.

To
Mr. Alexander Macleod
Collector in the District of
Madura

Sir

As there have been Claims made
upon Grain taken possession of in Madura
as Circar property, I am directed to
desire you will call upon the Storekeeper
for the particulars which are in his
possession on the subject, and ascertain
whether any & what quantity of the
Grain now in Store is the property of Indi-
viduals.

I am &c.
(Signed) John Chamier
Secy.

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Fort St. George
20th Augt. 90

a true Copy
George Parry
Actg Dy Secy

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Le W. D. Ogilvie
Esqr

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To
Mr Alexander Macleod
Collector at
Madura

Sir

We have hitherto found it expedient to delay furnishing you with our authority to publish advertisements for proposals of rent, but we now direct that you lose no time in publishing the advertisement and in transmitting the proposals with your Opinion & remarks. Tho' we were induced to deviate from our general regulation in favor of Moota Izla Pilla yet as he has now forfeited all claim to our good opinion, we desire that he may be excluded from any management in the Madura districts; And we refer you to our instructions for Fusly 1206 in which we directed you to portion out the districts into such small allotments as would render the Collection of the Revenue more Secure, make the Communication between the inhabitants and the Company's Government more immediate, & free them from the oppression of overgrown Renters

In addition to these general regulations,
we desire that a fixed exchange be esta-
-blished before the renters are put in posses-
-sion of the farms and it will be necessary
for this to make it publickly known
that all proposals are to specify the
exchange at which the rents are to be
received that the Amulnamahs may
be framed according to it. We are so
convinced of the utility of this measure
from the simplicity which it will in-
-troduce into your accounts that we
desire you to insert in your advertisement
an article requiring the proposals to spe-
-cify the Exchange at which the Rents
are to be received that the Amulnamas
may be framed according to it. You
will therefore lose no time in making
such a report upon this Subject as will
enable us to fix once for all, the relative
value between the Current fanams & the
Porto novo P^{os}. and between the Porto novo
Pags. & Star Pags. by this arrangement
we do not mean to impose upon the Ren-
-ters the necessity of paying their Kists in
Pagodas our only intention is that when-
-ever they may make payments in the Current

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coin of the Country, it should be received & brought to account at a known and established Exchange —

We are, Sir
Your most Obed.t Serv.ts
(Signed) W. Petrie
D. Haliburton
W. Balfour

Fort St. George
28.th July 1791.

G.d
by Alex.r Mackenzie

To M.r Alexander Macleod
Collector at
Madura

Sir
I enclose an Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Audit of the 30.th Ult.o and am
Sir Your Obed.t Servant
Geo. Place
Accountant to the B.d of [illegible] Revenue

Fort St. George
2.d Aug.t 1791.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Audit Dated 30.th July 1791. —

Read M.r Macleods letter to the accountant dated 16.th June. —

Permitted to draw his house Rent but not to charge for any Repairs —

a true Extract
Geo. Place
[illegible]

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Fort St. George 4th Aug. 1791

Sir

Not being able to send you the complete Quantity of Stationary allotted for your Department I now forward you a Part which is your full Proportion of that now in Store. You will please to give a Receipt as pr accompanying List, and the Remainder shall be sent as soon as possible.

I am Sir

Your very Obedt. Servt.

W. Webb

To Mr. Alexander Macleod Collector at Madura.

List of Stationary Supplied the Collector in the Madura in part of his allotted Quantity for 1791.

Royal Paper	2 Quires
Demy	2 Do.
Medium	2 Do.
Post	2 Do.
Fools Cap	3 Do.
Quarto Post	1 Do.
Blue	1/2 Do.
Quills	125 No.
Pounce	1/4 Do.
Cartridge	1/4 Quire
Ink Powders	2 Ms
Pencil	1 [illegible]

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To
Mr. Alexander Macleod
Collector at
Madura

Sir

In your June accounts Current I observe that credit is given to the Madura Renter and the two Marawars for Bullocks I beg leave to remind you that until you can get the proper Vouchers from the Contractors for Bullocks or from their agents these charges probably will not be admitted because it cannot be ascertained to what Head they are to be carried in the Books.

I am Sir
Your Obed.t Servant
Geo. Place
Acc.t to the Board of Assigned Revenue

Fort St. George
6th Aug.t 1791

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Audit Dated 6th Aug.t 1791 —

Read Mr. Macleod's accounts for June. — The Charge for Bullocks not to be allowed; because it is unaccompanied by any Voucher or Bill upon the Contractors. —

Mr. Macleod has committed an Error in the Balance of Cash brought forward in his account Current for June, at least it has been erased & differs from the Balance appearing in the end

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of May in his account Current for that month at the latter period it stood Pagodas 31850 : 31 : 66 but at the former it is altered to Pagodas 30141 : 13 : 24 – No explanation being given of the alteration.

A disagreement appears between his accounts Current and General abstract in the article of "Salary and Commission" as well in the Total Sum paid on these accounts as in the distinction between the two descriptions of his allowances —

By his accounts Current he drew Salary to the 31st January being Pagodas — 1558
And in due Commission to the amt. of — 1750
Total on the two acct. 3308

On reference to the General abstract, the Board find a Sum paid to Mr. Macleod on account of "Salary" of — 1848 : 15 : 7
And on account of "Commission" of — 2205 : 11 : 46
Total — 3033 : 26 : 53

By looking into the detailed Monthly abstract a Sum is inserted as paid to Mr. Macleod in the Month of May (but whether on account of Salary or Commission does not appear (of Pags. 2075 : 26 : 53. This account being abstracted from his accounts Current is meant to shew in a small Compass, the Particulars of each Months receipt and Disbursements, nevertheless no such Sum is Contained in his account Current either for that Month or any other. — The total allowances paid by this account agree with the "General abstract" but

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but the distinction between Salary & Commission differs - and both disagree with the accounts here

a true Extract

Geo. Place
[illegible]

Revenue Department

To
Mr. Alexander Macleod
Collector in the Districts of
Dindegul &c.

Sir

We transmit herewith Extract of a Letter from Lord Cornwallis to Government and you will in Consequence make known to the Bullock Drivers the Encouragement held out to them by his Lordship upon their joining the Army. We are Sir

Yr. most Obed.t Serv.ts

Fort St. George }
6th Augt. 1791 }

(Signed) T. Oakes
W. Oram

Exd. John Read

Extract of a Letter from Lord Cornwallis dated Camp 7 miles west of Ryacotta July 27th 1791 —

We have no reason to complain of the desertion of the Dooly Bearers, and I believe they will go on very well upon the present footing; but the bullock drivers who are delayed much longer on a march

and other [illegible] Forage for their
Cattle as well as [illegible] Provisions for
themselves are [illegible] in a very [illegible]
predicament, and [illegible] that [illegible] will
as an encouragement for them to engage
with you, agree to furnish them with two
Seers of Grain per week at a moderate
price, from the time that the army shall
proceed again from Bangalore to the Ene-
-my's Capital. —

It may at the same time be Explained
to them, that there is very little probabi-
-lity that any of the followers of the Army
will be again exposed to the same distress
which they experienced on our last march
to Seringapatam, as there is every rea-
-son to expect, that they will constantly
find a sufficient supply, especially of the
coarser grain, from the Mahratta Bazars

A true Extract

(Signed) Geo. Parry
[illegible] Dep.y Sec.y

Cop.

John Read

A true Copy

(Signed) W. Harington
Secy

To Mr. Alexander Macleod
Collector at Madura

Sir

We have already given your directions
on

in our letter of 20th ultimo with regard to the Ex-
-change at which the Madura and Tinne-
-[illegible] Revenues are to be received – but with
regard for the Ramnad and Sheevagunga
[illegible] which Government have been
pleased to settle on the same terms ob-
-served during last assignment, care is
to be taken that the Rupees be calculated
at 350 Rupees per 100 Star Pagodas both
for the past and the ensuing Year; &
if any balance should arise against either
of these Poligars by a different mode of
Calculation, you are to require it from
them with the present Years Peishcush
for which an engagement should be taken
from them – They can have no Objection
to this, as the Rupees are but a nominal
Coin, the Rates of which being left to the
pleasure of Government – and as these Poli-
-gars have already been favored in a less
Sum being [illegible]ded from them, than
what they stood to the Nabob – we
think the Exchange of 350 Rupees per 100
Ps. is under these Circumstances no more
than what is just – We are Sir

Your most Obedt Servts

Fort St George
7th Aug 1791

(Signed) D. Haliburton
W. Balfour

G. McKenzie

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Lt. Alexr. Macleod Esqr.
Collector of Madura

Sir—

I have received your Letter under date the 4th August 91 Covering Copy of a Letter from the Military Secretary— I have now the honor to send Extracts of my Letters on the Subject of the Grain in question to the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions Total of Paddy received G. m. m. 222 . 207 . 2 . all of which except G. m. m. 27 . 55 . 2 was claimed as private property.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt.
Humble Servant
(Signed) H. Vaughan
Storekeeper

Madura
10th Augt. 91

Extracts of Letters to Thomas Cockburn Esqr.
Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

I ordered the Godowns to be forced open in the Presence of the Renter who pointed them out to me as containing Circar Paddy but that it had lately been mortgaged by the former Renter Companies grain are at present over it & I beg you to inform me such being the case if it is to be Considered as private property or how I am to grant my Receipts— a Black man has been [illegible] since

Since with me informing me the Paddy has been mortgaged to his master.

The Claimants were all here about 2 Months since & with me and were agreed to the following division of the Paddy:

	Gs.	mm.	ms
Ramah Samy late Auntin	27 ·	55 ·	2
Jegnad Taiker - - - - - -	32 ·	356 ·	
Chillumbaram - - - - - -	162 ·	376 ·	
Total —	222 ·	287 ·	2

received into Store by me which I informed you in August last."

Alexander Macleod Esq.
Collector at Madura.

Sir

We enclose Copy of our Minutes at a Board of audit: and take occasion to observe that this is not the first time we have found it necessary to animadvert upon the irregularity of your accounts we cannot therefore pass over those, upon which we have now remarked, without expressing our displeasure at the repetition of that irregularity And we further think it proper to warn you that unless your accounts are more regular in future we shall be under the disagreeable necessity of reporting it to Government.

We

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We are Sir
Your most Obed.t Serv.ts
(Sign'd) D. Haliburton
W. Balfour

Fort St. George
13th Aug.t '91

Ex. A Mackenzie

To
Mr. Alexander Macleod
Collector at Madura.

Sir
I inclose an Extract from the Proceedings of the Boards of Audit dated 6th Aug.st 1791 —

I am Sir
Your Obed.t Servant
La Place
A.B.A.

Fort St. George
16th Aug.st 1791

To
Mr. Alexander Macleod
Collector at Madura

Sir
Having taken into Consideration the Moyen Zabita, which you transmitted, we cannot ascertain what charges ought to be allowed on that account in the Several Purgannahs under you, as your Settlement is not made for the present year. we have therefore only fixed the Zabita for your Cutcherry which is to be the Same as last year viz.

1 Serishtadar — — — — 16 : 7 : 62

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1 Munshee	10 : 29 : 15
1 Dogasun	6 : 17 : 41
1 Shroff	6 : 22 : 30
1 Sumpulty	16 : 7 : 62
1 Head Peon	1 : 3 : 73
7 Peons	7 : " : "
	Arcot Rs. 59 : 16 : 43

The other charges of Sibbendy while the Country is held in company are to be defrayed by the Renters respectively who will make their agreements according, when they enter in their farms in the manner it was done last year: —

The Sadurward charges are to be confined to country paper specifying the number of quires purchased; Lamp Oil, Bottle nut, Ink and all such other small articles, as are usually wanted. All charges not coming under the head of Moyen Zabita or Sadurward, are to be considered extraordinary charges, but are not on any account to be inserted in the monthly accounts, untill the Sanction of the Board be obtained; a List therefor must be previously transmitted for that purpose —

We are Sir

Yr most Obedt. Servts. —

Fort St. George
16th Augst. 1791

(Signed) D. Haliburton
W. Balfour

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To
Mr. Benjamin Torin
Collector at Tinnevelly

Sir

You have been already informed by the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, that Ten thousand Carriage Bullocks were to be collected from the Southern Countries for the Service of the Army under Major General Abercromby — I am now to acquaint You, by order of the Honble the President in Council that the Cattle with Pack Saddles, and as many Owners and Drivers as can be procured, and Cooly Drivers for the remainder, must proceed as soon as possible, to Palagautchery, by the Route of the Travancore Country. You will be pleased therefore to take such measures as may appear to you necessary and proper for expediting this Service giving advice to Colonel Bridges, as to the time when it will be necessary to dispatch the Troops from Trichinopoly, so that they may arrive at the Lines of Travancore, about the Same time (the end of September) with the Cattle, from whence they are to proceed by Palagautchery to join General Abercromby. —

The force intended to be sent from Trichinopoly, to meet the Bullocks at the Lines is left to the Direction of Colonel Bridges who will be desired to communicate with you in regard to the route by which the Troops should proceed whether to go direct to Palagautchery,

or

a to escort the Bullocks through the Travancore Country. I enclose a Letter from the Rajah of Travancore, to be forwarded by you respecting the Bullocks, and a Copy for your Information — a Duplicate is also transmitted, to be sent to Mr. Powney, with whom you will correspond on the Subject.

I am Sir
Your most Obed.t Serv.t
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Sec.y

Fort St. George
17th Aug. '91

Ex.d

A true Copy
B. T.

To
Mr. Alexander Macleod
Collector
Madura

Sir

I am directed by the Board to desire that, whenever you may have Occasion to advance money to Paymasters or any other public Departments, You will instead of Receipts take Bills for the Amount upon the Paymaster General or other public Officer authorized to answer them.

I am Sir
Yr. most Obed.t Serv.t
(Signed) J. Webbe
Secy.

Fort St. George
22d Aug. 1791

Ex.d A. Mackenzie

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Military Department

To

Mr. Alexander Macleod

Collector at

Madura &c.

Sir

The Board being very anxious to procure with the utmost Expedition a large number of Carriage Bullocks for the use of General Abercrombys Army, I am directed to inform You that Mr. Benjamin Torin has been ordered to see this Business carried into Effect, and that You are particularly required to be aiding with Your best Exertions on this Occasion, as the Service is of a very important nature at the present Juncture, & there is no time to be lost — I am Sir

Your most Obed.t Serv.t

Fort St. George
23.d Aug.t 91

(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secy.

(rec.d 28.th Aug.st)

To Mr. Alexander Macleod

Sir

I have been favored with Yours of the 25.th containing instructions to return the Cattle Collected by You to Madura in reply to which I have to inform You they have all been dispatched for Ambur and I have Accounts from Capt. McLean

under

under whose charge they march'd that they
arriv'd at Tiagar on the 19th what fol-
-lows is a part of Mr. Leans letter — The
Conicopoly wrote a Note to my Dubash
this day from Eroor giving an account
of the loss that has been already sus-
-tain'd - which appears to me who is
unacquainted with the Business alto-
-gether enormous. is as follows.

I Mr. Lovins —	9 Bullocks
Mr. Macleods —	220
Mr. Wyrch's —	31
Tritch. ? none	260

— I herewith
send you a General return of all
your Bullocks with the dates of their
arrival and Dispatch as likewise an
account of the Casualties that happen'd
from the time they march'd from your
Quarters untill their Dispatch from
this — as far as I have been able to
collect. The Dates of Dispatch
is from the time they march'd from this
over the River — Sootoomany was
the head maistry that had charge
of your Cattle which proceeded with
Capt. McLean. — I have the honor to be

Sir Your very obed. Serv.

Tritch.
27 Aug. 91

John Campbell
ag. for the Contractors

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PS. I enclose you a List of the Deserters Names —

To

Mr. Benjamin Torin

Collector at

Tinevelly

Sir

As the Board have been informed by Major Cuppage that the Enemy have retreated from the Districts of Coimbatore, they think it necessary to leave it to your Option to send the Bullocks intended for General Abercromby's Army either by the route of Dindigul or as mentioned in a former Letter through the Travancore Country.

I am Sir

Your most Obedt. Servt.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson

Secretary

Fort St. George

27th Augt. 91

Revenue Department

To

Mr. Alexr. Macleod

Sir I am directed by the Board of Revenue to remind you that your Bond for Pagt. 1240.7 dated the 21st April

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payable in Six Months becomes due this day — You have paid in part of the above Sum Pags 6750 — and they now call upon you for the discharge of the remainder — I am Sir

Your most Obed^t. Servt.

Fort S^t. George
21st. Octr. 91 (Sign'd) W^m. Harington
Sec^y.

Ex^d. Robt. Chapman

To
Mr. Alexander Macleod
Collector at
Sir Madura

In Consequence of the Orders of Government directing all accounts to be dispatched by the 25th of each succeeding month, I have been directed by the Board of Assumed Revenue to report to them any delay in this respect — I think it necessary to apprize you of this and to inform you that I shall hereafter acknowledge the receipt of your accounts & specify the date of their arrival here. —

I have received your Accounts to the end of November. I am Sir
Your most Obed^t. Servt.
Fort S^t. George 2^d. Jany. 92 Geo: Place

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P.S. In Order that there may be no mis-take in the acknowledgements of accounts it will be proper to number and docket them, & to let them be always accompa-nied by a Letter & List of the Packet.

To Alexr. Macleod Esqr.
Collector at Madura.

Sir

I am to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of this days date; agreeable to your requisition the Escort proper for the occasion shall be ready when you inform me the Bullocks with the Gun-nies are able to proceed for Palagaudchery.

I have the honor to be
Sir Your most Obedt.
Humble Servt.
(Signed) Robt. Sale

Madura
6th Jany. 92

To
Mr. Alexr. Macleod
Collector at
Madura

Sir

I am directed by the Board to inform You that your letter of 29 ultimo has been received & that it will be ans-wered from the Audit Department as

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as soon as the press of current business will permit.

I am Sir
Your most Obed.t Serv.t
(Signed) J. Webbe Secy

Fort St George
7th January 1792

To Mr Alexander Macleod
Collector at
Madura

Sir

In Consequence of your having altered the Jummah of the Madura Renter from what it Originally stood in the Settlement you sent to me for Fusly 1200 I am at a loss to know the Amount of each Kist as it fell due. And have therefore to request the favor of you to furnish me with another Kistbundy also an account Current with the Renter to the 30th April and from that time for every subsequent month. In these accounts Current you will be so good not to insert the whole Jummah at once, but debit them for the Kists as they respectively become payable, and when the last falls due then only you are to carry to his debit the whole of his rent. I must likewise request the same Accounts with the Rajahs of Ramnad & Shevagunga, and that they may be made out with the utmost

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correctness as they are intended for the purpose of checking the balance of the Books. It is of ma-terial consequence that I should have them soon as the time for sending the Books home approach-es very near — Accounts Current with your Renters should invariably make a part of your monthly Packets. —

I am Sir

Your most Obed^t Servt

Fort St George
9th Jany 92

Leo Place
Acct to the Board of Assum^d Revenue

To

Mr. Alex^r Macleod
Collector at
Madura

Sir

Your district having been divided into Farms and let to separate Renters for Phasly 1201 I shall raise a distinct head for each in the Books and must request you will be particularly careful to distinguish your Receipts from them in your Accounts Current — I am unacquainted when you de-livered over charge of the Farms to the Renters but perceive the Receipts are first detailed in your Account Current for October last — This manner of doing it is however in-adequate to my purpose — The name of each man & his farm should be mention'd

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and the Coin he pays is separately calculated
into P. N. Pags. & then into Stars. I beg to
refer you to the Form which I originally
sent you for your account Current on the
16th Septr 1790. As there is a Balance out-
-standing against Moota Ella Pillay you
will remember when recov'd it must appear
under the Head of Current Revenue for
Fusly 1200 — I mention this because
I have seldom seen you adhere to the
proper Heads under which the different
descriptions of Charges should appear altho'
particularly recommended as well in my
letter of Instructions of the date above
alluded to as in the form which accom-
panied it.

In your Account Current for
Septr last I see a Receipt from the
Poligars of Madura on account of
Fusly 1200 of S.P. 3751:10:60 I beg
to be informed whether they are assessed
according to any fixed Standard what
that assessment amounts to and if any
balance is outstanding against them. —

I must request new Accounts
Current from October last made out accord-
-ing to what is pointed in the former part
of my letter, and also a Correct Statement
of the Charges and Collections to be debited

and

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and credited to each Renter for what You dis-
-bursed and received while the Farms were
under Aumanee —

I am Sir
Your most Obed.t Serv.t
Geo Place
[illegible]

Fort St George
14th Jan.y 1792

I beg to be favored with early answers
to my letters of the 27th ult.o and 9th Instant.

To Mr. Alexander Macleod
Collector at
Madura.

Sir

I have this day received your accounts
Current agreeable to the List of the Packet accom-
-panying them. In answer to the reference made
in your letter the mode you propose of adjust-
-ing the difference arising between the Exchange at
which the Renters payments are made and the
Buzar exchange will answer very well but in-
-stead of the Head of Profit and Loss be so good
as to insert the advantage on this account under
that of Batta." You do not seem to have fully
understood what I requested in my letter of
the 14th Instant regarding the manner in
which the Receipts from the Renters should ap-
—pear

-pear in your accounts Current — I find such
received their payments for the District of
Madura amounting to Chs. 9550 which you
have calculated at once into Pagodas but
I wished to have the payment of each Renter
calculated distinctly first into Porto Novo
Pagodas (because they are to account for
their Rents in that Coin) and then into Star
Pagodas. I have transmitted your accounts
Current for December and left blank Co-
-lumns to be filled up by these two Coins.

You have not yet answered my letter
of the 27th Ult.o which I therefore enclose
a Duplicate of and request to be early
furnished with the required Papers. —

I am Sir

Your most Obed.t Serv.t

Fort St. George
30th Jany. 1792.

Geo. Place
[illegible]

To
Alexander Macleod Esqr.
Collector of Madura

Sir

I have the honor to inform you, that
I have lately been under the necessity of mak-
-ing a representation to the Board of Revenue
of the Conduct of Tomber Goundan a poor
[illegible], who has long been Oppressing the

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Inhabitants, and Collecting in the Company's Districts, without rendering any Account - And since the Detachment marched to the Northward, he has thought proper to quit his former hold, (near Erode) and entered the District of Palachy from whence he drove the Sirsetteccar and 50 Sepoys, the Samandra Polligar is his accomplice at present, and I understood he has 1000 Peons from a Vencapatchy Man, with whom he is in Strict Alliance & with whom tis reported he deposits his property. - I have inform'd the Board of Revenue that I should address You and Mr. Wynch and request your joint Assistance to apprehend or extirpate so great a nuisance - He is a Native of Congayam and has no pretensions whatever to any ground in this District he has usurped the power he possesses which has been daily increasing, as we have not had troops enough to spare any to reduce him to Obedience - The Country's he chiefly collected from & made his Residence in were Perendury, Ouhacooly and about Erode, but is now gone South where he is Committing Murders & the most horrid Cruelties. If the Board of Revenue approve of Mr. Wynch & myself cooperating with

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me in bringing Tombegounden to terms, I am Confident from both your exertions and assistance, and the information you will be able to get of his Situation he must inevitably lay down his Arms, or fly from the District I am undoubtedly informed he looks to Oconpatchy for Shelter and protection; This no doubt you will be able to prevent, and also the people of Oconpatchy or any others in your District rendering him the least assistance or Serving under him — For the present no regulars will be sent from this Detachment which prevents my acting immediately against him but I have great Confidence & assurance of assistance from the Dilly Colinger whose Cutiel is now with me & assures me she is making every preparation & has near 1000 Men. I request you will do me the honor from time to time to communicate to me any information you get of the motions & situation of Tombegounden (Alias Chinnamalty Gounde) & I shall not fail to do the same by you & Mr. Wynch.

I have the honor to be &c

Camp near Punjee
2d Feby '92 —

Wm. Corbett
Colr. Chinnachen

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To
Mr. Alexander Macleod
Collector
at Madura

Sir

Under date 11th Novr. last we transmitted you Copy of a Letter from Tondiman and desired you to report how far he was justified in Complaining of Encroachment from the Rajah of Shevagungah the which you have hitherto Omitted to do — We have lately received two Letters from Tondiman upon the same Subject, in which he informs us that a party has been sent by Chinnah Murda to collect the Grain upon a Spot of ground which is his undisputed right, that four or five of his people had been wounded that One head peon had been murdered & that some Merchants had been plundered of their bullocks & grain by the people of Shevagungah.

We desire You will make immediate and Strict enquiry into these Complaints; and report the result without further delay — Mean while You will make Chinna Murda sensible that

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as these disturbances are highly injurious
to the Company's Government & to the
peace of the inhabitants under their
protection his presumption cannot
fail to induce the heaviest Effects of
their displeasure. You will also repre-
-sent the matter to Colonel Maxwell
and call upon him to employ the Troops
under his Command for the preservation
of Tranquility. We are Sir

Yr most Obed.t Servts.

Fort St. George
5th Feby 92 } (Sign'd) W. Petrie
D. Haliburton
W. Balfour

Sig. Thos. Anstey

To
A. Macleod Esqr.
Collector of Madura &c.

Camp near Pangar

Sir I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 4th Inst. inform-
ing me of your having dispatched to this
place by way of Dindigul the Sum of 15,000
[illegible] received from Mr Torin and the follow-
ing Sums in different coins from your own
Collections — Porto Novo Pagodas - 2,000

Star Pagodas — 150
Pondicherry Rupees — 1000
Venetian Sequins — 150 — I am extremely
obliged to you for your exertions and promise of a
further Supply but having received a more Satis-
-factory letter from Mr. Powney on the Subject
of Cash. I shall not at present stand in need
of any further assistance from you in that Form
The prospect of Collections also in this District are
more favorable than I had any right to expect
from the late Disorder it has been thrown into
On the Receipt of the Cash I shall transmit you
the Receipts agreeable to the General order to Pay-
masters — I have the honor to be

Sir Your most Obed.t
Humble Serv.t

Camp
10th Febry 92

O. Corbett
Paym.r

To Mr. Alex.r Macleod
Collector at Madura

Sir

Having received the remarks of our Account-
-ant upon your letters of 29th December 91 in pursu-
-ance of Our instructions to him, We inclose them
for your information: and we think it necessary
to add that we perfectly concur in the propriety
and Correctness of his Observations. — As this Cor-
-respondence upon your Accounts has been drawn
into an unnecessary length. We likewise transmit
Statements of your Accounts made out by our Ac-
— contd.

counts, and Composed of Materials furnished
by yourself, to which it is our desire you
will Conform implicitly. —

Your accounts from April '91 are therefore returned to you for this purpose. —

We are Sir
Your most Obed^t. Serv^ts.

Fort St. George
11th Febry '92

(Signed) W^m. Petrie
J. Haliburton
W. Balfour

C^d. C. Mackenzie

To A. Macleod Esqr.
Collector at Madura

Sir
I am directed by the Honorable
the President in Council to inform you that
the Paymaster at Madura has been directed
to indent upon you for the Sum of Five
thousand Five hundred & Twenty five Pags.
[illegible] the amount of Drafts made upon him
[illegible] Military Paymaster General for Temporary
[illegible] for the years 1788, 89 and 1790 in
allowance for the years ... in
Consequence of the General Orders of the 1 March
last. —

I am Sir
Your most Obed^t. Ser^t.

Fort St. George
11th Febry '92

(Sign'd) W. C. Jackson
Sec^y.

Ex^d. —

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To Mr. Alexander Macleod
Collector at
Madura.

Sir

We have received your Letter of 5 Instant but see no reason for making a greater remission to the Suneum Renter than Col[l] fan[s] 1911. which is the medium of the five years Statement You have transmitted. We have therefore that this Sum only be allowed: —

We are Sir
Yr most Obed[t] Servants
Wm. Petrie
D. Halliburton
Wm. Balfour

Fort St. George }
16th Febry 1792 }

Ex. A Mackenzie

To Alexander Macleod Esqr.
Collector Madura &c. —

Sir

Having received an account from Lieut. Wright Commanding Palligautcherry, and the Servants of the Stores, of the Condition of the Gunney bags lately forwarded by You, agreeable to form laid down in the Regulations I requested the Commanding Officer to assemble a Committee to Inspect into their State and report the Same. I have in consequence received from him the Inclosed which I have the honor to transmit You with my receipt annexed. It

appears

appears by the information of my People that
the Damage sustained must have arisen from
the Carelessness of those who had Charge of
them on the Road; as the Gunnys appeared
new but all arrived in some degree wet owing
to the negligence in Passing the rivers — The
Bullock Drivers should therefore be made ac-
-countable for the Damage — Owing to my
being at Camp some delay happen'd which
from Circumstances was unavoidable. Your
Conicopoly was Sick, and could not inform
my People if the Bullocks were to be deliver'd
over or not so I return'd them —

I have the honor to be
Sir Your most Obedt
Hble Servant

Camp
near Pangar
11th Feby 92

W. Corbett
Storekeeper

To
A Macleod Esq
Collector at Dindigul

Sir On the other hand you have Copy of a Letter
which will be sent you by Major Cuppage the moment
he deems it proper to commence your endeavours for
pushing on Rice — You will therefore be prepared
as soon as you can be without incurring Expence
to answer the Call — I requested in my Letter of
the 3d Novr that you would provide a Store of 6000
B. Gunney Bags but observe you have sent them to

W. 86 93 89

Mr Corbett — I beg you will lose no time in getting ready the number I requested made of good Gunny — I directed Mr Corbett to make up a Store of 6000 Bags at the same time — and told him if he found difficulty in procuring them I doubted not Mr Torin or you would assist — but I did not mean that it should prevent you from providing & keeping ready the number I requested & hope the want of them may not occasion delay when the Call for Grain is made. — I am Sir

Your most Obedt Servt

T. Cockburn
CNGGP

Madras
11th Febry
1792.

To Alexr Macleod Esqr
Collector at Dindigull

Madras
9th Feby 92

Sir This Letter will be transmitted to you by Major Cuppage whose instruction in regard to pushing on Supplies of Grain you will be pleased to follow.

I doubt not the most vigorous Exertions will be made by you on this important occasion & although I acquainted you that your endeavors must be exerted to push on the Rice at Palligautcherry it would be a Considerable saving of time were you to send the first Trip direct to the place appointed for the depot (of which Major Cuppage will advise you) from the district, the Carriage to be afterwards employed between the pass and Palligatcherry You can draw rice should You not be able to command a sufficient supply for this purpose from the Stores at Dindigul & for doing so this will be your authority. —

You will of course correspond with Mr Corbett at Palligatcherry on this subject & Concert with him the best measures to be pursued for carrying his Lordships wishes into Execution. —

I am &c
(Signd.) T. Cockburn
CNGGP

To Mr Alexander Macleod
Collector at
Dindegull

Sir

My Letter of the 11th would prepare You to expect a Speedy call from Major Cup-page - but the [illegible] of the glorious defeat of Tippoo's Army at Seringapatam has determined Government to Commence immediately to send Supplies to Daniencottah - You will therefore use every dispatch in Your power to forward the first Trip of Rice from Your Districts immediately to Daniencottah -

If Rice cannot be procured by you in sufficient quantity either in Your Districts or from the Store at Dindegul (sufficiently good) to dispatch from Your Districts in as short a time as would be required to send Your Carriage to Paligatcheny and pr[illegible] thence to Dindegul Send off the Carriage at once to Paligat where there is an immediate and certain Supply -

You will correspond regularly with Major Cuppage and inform him when any lo[illegible] is Dispatched. It is not in my power at this distance and when exertion must be guided by Circumstances and events to lay down any particular Instructions - I must trust to Your Vigilance and Zeal to do all that suggests itself as best for the Service in this im-

portant Occasion.

Should any directions be received from Major Cuppage opposite to what I have here given you will of course attend to the Major's in preference — and you will do well if your first Convoy is dispatched before you receive his instructions to advise him to dispatch a trusty person to meet the Convoy & conduct it to such place as he may fix on (if Daniancotah is not thought so) as most proper for a Depot, and to advise you also —

You will no doubt be particular in your instructions to the Officer in Charge for I recommend one being sent if but with 40 or 50 Men —

I am Sir
Your most Obed.t Serv.t
T. Cockburn
OrGGO

Madras
13th Feby 92

I have today received your Letter of the 8th Inst. the ¼ measure I have made trial of it & find that 41½ — ¼ measure make a Madras Mercal — or 4150 measures of Dindigul to a Madras Garce of 400 mercals — or 69 Cull. 2 Mercals to a do — The ¼ measure full not struck measure —

You can yourself make the Trial as there is a Companies Copper Mercaul at Madras with the Chop of the Clerk of the Market. —

To Mr. Alexander Macleod
Collector at Madura

Sir

We have received your Letter of 19th Inst. and shall wait for your further report upon the proofs of Moota Codar Pilla's allegation regarding the collection for Fusly 1200 antecedent to the assumption.

We are surprized to hear Moota Cu-la Pilla at this late period demanding a remission of five hundred (500) Rupees for Fusly Baug and we think this delay so unaccountable that, before we consent to his request, we desire you will report whether he might not have preferred this claim at a much earlier period.

The idea of delivering up Moota Colla Pilla to the Rajah of Ramnad leaves us not without embarrassment; for at the same time we acknowledge the justice of the Rajah's request, and see the propriety of compelling Moota Colapilla to a settlement of his accounts, we feel it indispensibly incumbent on us to take every precaution for guarding him against the personal danger to

to which he may be exposed from his Enemies. — On the other hand we are doubtful whether the very means taken for the preservation of his person may not tend to increase his pertinacity in withholding his accounts from the inspection of the Rajah's Servants. In this dilemma we desire you will communicate with Colonel Martinz and obtain his Opinion in writing, which you will transmit with your own Sentiments in the most full & explicit manner. — We have also received your other Letter of 19th Instant which will be answered from the Audit Department, and we desire that whenever you may have Occasion to apply to the Minutes of the Board of Audit, you will do it through the medium of our Accountant.

We are Sir
Your most Obedt. Servts.
(Signed) W. Petrie
D. Haliburton
N. Balfour

Fort St. George
28th. Feby. 92

Ex.
A. Mackenzie.

To A. Macleod Esqr.
Collector at Madura

Sir I am directed by the Board to send you

You the accompanying Extract of a Letter from Government and to desire that You will comply with the wishes of the Honble Board as soon as possible. —

I am Sir
Yr most Obedt Servt
J. Webbe
Secy

Fort St George
11th March 92

Ex. A Mackenzie

Extract of a Letter from Government dated 7th March 1792.

We desire you will write to the Collectors of such districts as may at any time have been visited by the Enemy during the late and former Wars, directing them to forward as correct lists as possible of the names of the Inhabitants who have been captured in their respective divisions and are now in Confinement in the Mysore Country, specifying the time and manner in which they were taken that we may transmit the same to Lord Cornwallis for his information — a true Extract.

J. Webbe Secy

Ex. A Mackenzie

To Mr Alexander Macleod
Collector at Madura

Sir We have ~~received~~ your Letter of

2^d Instant and are much astonished that you should have suffered such a length of time as that between your arrival at Ramnad and the date of the your letter to elapse without communicating the alarming steps which the Rajah was taking for disturbing the tranquility of the Country: we are also surpriz'd that you do not seem to have taken any measures with Colonel Martinz for dispersing with the Troops under his Command these restless and disorderly levies of Peons & Sepoys. —

In other respects we think you have acted judiciously in pointing out to the Rajah the impropriety of his conduct and in dissuading him from the prosecution of the attempt — The inclosed letter from Our President to the Rajah will sufficiently explain our Sentiments upon this Subject; and we desire you will continue to impress him with a Sense of his own Folly and presumption; and assure him of the inevitable destruction which he must bring upon himself by provoking the Companies just indignation. —

We are

Fort St George Sir Y^r most Ob^d^t Serv^ts

11th March 92 (Signed) W. Petrie

D. Haliburton

J. Balfour

To

A. Mackenzie

Alexander Macleod Esqr.
Collector of Madura

Sir Inclosed I send an Estimate of the Sums required for the use of my Employ for May 1792 — I have the honor to be
Sir Your most Obedt.
Humble Servant

Madura
1st April '92

(Signd) A. Vaughan
Paymr.

To
Mr. A. Macleod
Collector at
Madura

Sir After the positive Orders contained in our Letter of 11th Febry from the audit Department regarding the form in which to make out your accounts, we are extremely surprised to find that you have transmitted your accounts for February and January without paying the smallest attention to those instructions. This is the more extraordinary as the whole of your accounts from April 1791 were returned to you that they might be corrected according to the forms prepared by our accountant & forwarded to you in our Letter of 11th February, the Receipt of which you have hitherto omitted to acknowledge.— These accounts you have not hitherto sent; and the business in our accountants Office is consequently much impeded by your continued irregularity.—

We are sorry that you compell us to

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animadvert with so much Severity upon your Conduct; but our duty calls upon us to warn you that unless those Orders are immediately complied with, we shall be under the disagreeable necessity of Complaining in the most Serious manner to Government of your inattention. — We observe a Balance of Pagodas 27000 in your February accounts which we desire you will dispatch to the Paymaster at Tritchinopoly agreeably to our former Orders — We are, Sir

Your most obed.t Serv.ts

Fort St George
1st April 1792. (Sign'd) W. Petrie
D. Haliburton
W. Balfour

Ex.d
A. Mackenzie

To Mr Alexander Macleod
Collector at Madura.

Sir I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to inform you that Orders have been given for the Sale of the Paddy and Rice in Store at Dindigul and to desire you will furnish upon Mr Vaughan's Application a sufficient Stock of new Paddy for the present Garrison for twelve months — I am Sir

Your most Obed.t Serv.t

Fort St George 15 April 92 W. C. Jackson Sec.y
G. Balmain Ex.r

To Mr. Alexander Macleod
Collector at
Madura

Sir

I am directed by the Board to send you the enclosed Extract of a Letter from the Resident at Nagore, and to desire you will take the most Effectual measures for Securing the person of Appoo Cootia and for recovering the property plundered by him, in case of his retiring to your district. I am Sir

Your most Obed.t Serv.t

Fort St. George
16th April 92

(Signed) J. Webbe Sec.y

Ex.d Thos. Hustey

Extract of a Letter from Mr. W. Mitchell
Dated 12th April 1792.

I am sorry to inform you that Appoo Cootiah pitta and Cootia pitta formerly Inhabitants of Chickel about Eleven O'clock in the night of the 11th arrived Suddenly in that village with a force of about two hundred Collaries and armed Peons when they Surrounded the House of Maly perumal and entering the same forcibly, took out Maly Perumal the principal Inhabitants of Chickel, his father, brother, and two other persons of his family whom they wounded, and beat in a cruel manner; after which they bound them as also a Pandaram the Overseer of the

Chickel Pagoda and pillaging the House suddenly carried them into the Tanjore Country before the Sepoys at Kevalore could effect their Rescue.

They also took away about twenty Bullocks the property of the said Maly Permaul.

For the atrocious Character of Oppoo Cookia I beg leave to refer you to my Letters of the 20th September and 4 Novr. and also to observe that to the latter I had not the favor of your reply. From the known Cruelty of Oppoo Cookia I am apprehensive for the lives of the innocent persons he has in possession. Not a moment has been lost in taking every measure to discover his abode, and I entertain Sanguine hopes of Securing him from the Vigilance of the Tanjore Collectors on whom all will depend, and think I shall be enabled to furnish them with certain intelligence where he may be found.

a true Extract

J Webbe Secy.

To Mr. Alexr. Macleod

Collector at Madura

Sir We have received your letter of 5th Instant with Colonel Martinz's Opinion on the Subject of sending Moota Ida Pillay to Ramnad. In Consequence we desire that he may immediately proceed thither for the Settlement of his Accounts, You will therefore in Conjunction with Colonel Martinz dispose the guard about his person in such a Manner as not only to Secure him from

danger

but to check the Insolence and Insult which, as
you observe, will probably be offered on this oc-
-casion we think it necessary to suggest that you
be particularly careful in Selecting an intelli-
-gent native Officer for the Service. — At the
same time we are willing to take every precau-
-tion for the Security of Moota Ila Pillay's person
we are determined that he shall not avail himself
of our indulgence to protract or Embarrass the
Scrutiny — We cannot conclude this Subject
without Expressing our Surprise at the position
laid down in the last paragraph of Your
Letter; for tho' it may have been an invari-
-able custom of the Ramnad Ministers to
make disbursements without obtaining Spe-
-cific Orders for the purpose, — Yet it can only
be Considered as one of the many dangers
attendant on Moota Ila Pillay's former Elevated
Station — were we inclined to establish a
doctrine of such dangerous Extent Moota
Ila Pillay might securely take Shelter under
it against any investigation whatever. —

We have also received your Letter
of 15th Inst. and are well Satisfied with your
explanation of the Petition transmitted in
our letter of 29th ultimo. We hope that You
will be able in your return to Ramnad to
adjust the dispute between the Rajah & his
brother in law to their mutual satisfaction.

We are &c — Signed W. Petrie
Fort St. George
19 April 92
D. Haliburton
W. Balfour

Ed. A. Mackenzie

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To Alexander Macleod Esqr.
Collector at Madura & Dindegull

Sir
I am once more under the necessity of calling upon you for an account Current of Disbursements for the Cattle provided for the Grand Army shewing the receipt and Expenditure of the money received by you from the Revenue Treasury. — A Similar account for the Expence incurred to the Cattle &c for the Bombay Army — and a third account of the Expence incurred in preparing to send on Supplies to the Guzelpatty pass — in which you will include the Gunnies received from Mr. Torin —

I am sorry I must be under the necessity of stating that the want of these accts. impedes the business of my Office, if not transmitted in the course of the month —

I am Sir
Your most Obedt. Servt.
(Signed) J. Cockburn

Madras
22d April 1792

A Macleod Esqr.
Collector of Madura &c —

Sir
Having received a Letter from the Commissary General of Grain & Provision directing me to indent on you for the quantity of Paddy I may require as a Garrison Store at Dindegul I have to request you will cause me to be furnished with as little delays as possible

possible the probable Expence of purchasing & delivering into Store 35 Madras Garce of Sambo Paddy of this year's growth the Estimate I have in Command to forward to the Presidency — I have the honor to be

Sir
Your most Obed.t
Humble Servant
A. Vaughan
Paym.r

Madura
25th April 1792

To
Mr. Alexander Macleod
Collector at
Madura

Sir

We have received your Letter of 21st Ins.t and approve the Precautions you have taken for Securing the person of Oppoo Cootiah;

With respect to the application of Moota Tola Pella, as our intentions respecting him are fully explain'd in our Letter of the 19th April you will inform him that we cannot comply with his request; because the adjustment of his accounts must take place at Ramnad and because sufficient means have been provided for his personal safety during the Investigation.

We are Sir
Y.r most Obed.t Serv.ts
(Signed) D. Haliburton
W. Balfour

Fort St. George
20th April '92
Ex.d Tho.s Anstey

Honor'd Sir

I beg Leave to acquaint you that I enclosed the account particulars of Bullocks Gunneys &c. — that was received from Madura & sent to the army in the month of Decr 90 and in which what was remained in Dindi-gul because it is arrived too late after load-ed every thing and delivered for that Escort of Lieut. Ogilvie. —

The account of Dead Bullocks 300 which you had account of it but it is not dead all in Dindigul Bullocks. There are 211 in Dindigul Bullocks & 89 in Madura Bullocks which this Two Total makes 300 Bullocks & I now find this particular by trying the malabar accounts therefore if you are not yet send this account particular to Mr. Cockburn till this time, you can add the above mention'd 89 Bullocks together with Dindigul bullocks is sent to the army And so you can admit the same, as dead in Madura Bullocks — The Conicopolys did not give me this particular account before.

Honor'd Sir
Yr most Obed. Servt
Oppoa

Dindigul
30th April 92

N.B. — Gopaul Kistnah desired to write you that he will send the Cash tomorrow to Madura; and also he wish to come to the feast at Madura if you send order

Account Particular of Bullocks Gunney &c Recd. from Madura & sent to the Army in December 1790 —

Received from Madura	1241	1235	209	50	34	292	6
Sent to the Army	1152	1048	65	40	13	218	6
Dead Bullocks	89	"	"	"	"	"	"
Remain's in Dindigul	"	187	144	10	21	74	"

To

Alexander Macleod Esq.

Collector at Madura

Sir

I have the pleasure to acknowledge your Letter of the   and to send you a Paper relative to the Custom's at Paman — The Merchants on this Coast all agree in the Opinion that to reduce the Custom's to what they were, before Mooto Erla Pella doubled them, will fully answer the purposes of all parties, for they freely declare that they prefer and do use the Pass of Manar as their Trade cannot support the Exorbitant and impolitic Tax that is now demanded at Paman. — I have no doubt

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but you will take the necessary Steps to Secure the Merchant in the fair Collection of these Customs, whenever an Equitable Standard shall be resolved upon —

I have the honor to be &c —

D. Forin

Sea Coast
Trichendore
2d May 1792

Account of Pomben Custom given by the Merchants of Tonagapatam in the District of Tinevelly —

	Rates of Pamany Custom paid by the merchants till the year 1788		Rates of Paman Custom that the merchants have been Obliged to pay by Mr. Ira Pillai's order	
To a Candy of the 1st Sort of Jagary	—	4	"	8
Do of 2d Do — Do	—	3	"	6
Do of Tamarind	—	2	"	4
Do of Chawya or Colour Root	—	20	"	40
Do of Pepper	½	"	1½	"
Do of Turmarick	—	3	"	6
Do of Ginger	"	4	"	8
Do of Chiacoy	"	3	"	6
Do of Iron	"	10	"	20
To a Bundle of Long Cloths	"	7½	"	15
Do of Coconuts	"	1	"	2
To a Candy of Horse Gram	"	2	"	4
Do of different Grain's	"	3	"	6
Do of Gingily Oil Seeds	"	3½	"	3½
Do of Paddy	"	3½	"	3½
To Camphire, Benjamin & Sugar Candy by Valuing	@7½ p.Ct	"	7½	"

To

To Copper & Tuttenague paid by Cateing —	@ 7 p^c Specie	"	7½
To Led — Do — Do —	@ 24 p^c	"	7½
To Boat Custom —	4	"	"
To 100 Palmaires —	3 Palmires		5 Palmires

(Signed) D. Torin
Collr

To
A. Macleod Esq
Collector at
Madura

Sir
I send you a Report upon the Bags sent by you to Palagautchery. The 24 Bags wanting and the too unserviceable be so good to enquire about — the Conicopoly may be able to give you information how the latter were destroy'd — Mr. Torin sent new Bags — I am Sir

Your most Obedient
Servant
Thos. Cockburn
AGP

Madras
11th May 92

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This is to Certify the State and Numbers of Rice Gunny Bag's Receiv'd from Mr. Macleroi's Conicopoly on the 27.th January 1792

Palagautcherry 8.th Feb.y 1792.	Serviceable	Repairable	Unserviceable
Gunny's Sewed into Bag's for Grain } — x	5174	"	
Do — Do — Do — ✓	-	-	100
Do not Sewed but tied with Ropes Δ	"	202	"
Total	5174	202	100

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100
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x These Bags have receiv'd a slight damage occasion'd by being brought thro' the water.

✓ These Bags are old & quite unserviceable.

Δ These Bags have been as Package for the rest, and most of them very much torn —

(Sign'd) Wm. Corbett
Act.g Storekeeper

(Sign'd) Monnay appah Storekeeper Conicopoly

(Sign'd) — Abel Penny
Sub. Cond.r Stores

(Sign'd) — Charles Wright
Lt. Comm.y

Revenue Department

To

A. Macleod Esq.
Collector

Sir

Government having been pleased to Order the discharge of the Pay & allowances of the Civil Servants from the 1st Febry to the 30th April. the Same is communicated for your information

I am Sir

Fort St George
10th May 1792 —

Your most Obedt
Servant

(Signed) J. Harington
Secretary

to dispute to an [illegible] person [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] —

Immediately on the arrival of
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I began on the
[illegible] of the Dispute [illegible] down the
[illegible] of the different [illegible] which
were all deduced upon Oath, and the [illegible]
[illegible] of the various [illegible] Documents

[illegible] [illegible] grounded his [illegible]
-ters Claim on a Settlement which he alledged
had been made some days since by the consent
of both parties in presence of the [illegible] at
the Allegheny Pagoda — Upon Examining
however the Cadjan [illegible] by [illegible] [illegible]
-posed to be the authentic Deed of Settlement
delivered at the allegheny Pagoda, I found
[illegible] not by any means contain a Settlement
[illegible] determination of the Subject in dispute —
[illegible] [illegible] and other principle Natives
of Madura who heard the Cadjan read on
the [illegible] declared it did not amount
to a Settlement — The Allegheny [illegible]
written declaration of its not being a Settlement
[illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] —
I [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] then said that
with his Masters permission he would con-
-sent to have the dispute settled by a solemn
appear

appeal to the Allegiancy [illegible] the Vacqueel
of Chinna Murdu agreed to this Proposal.

Tondiman's Vacqueel immediately after-
-wards withdrew from Madura without
giving me intimation of his Departure.

With regard to the Complaints stated
in Tondiman's letter addressed to your
Board. I beg leave to observe that the
affray between the armed Peons of the
Parties happen'd at the time of the
arrival of Tondiman's Vacqueel at
Madura, when I received the first
report of it each party complaining of
the other as the aggressor; I immediately
wrote to Capt. Grant, Commanding at
Tripatoor and to Capt. Moore who was
near the Ground in dispute requesting
they would give me every Information
which might tend to prevent a repetition
of what had happen'd and not choosing
to rely solely on the assurances given by
each Vacqueel that no further disturbance
should take place, I requested Capt. Moore
to take his Station with a Company of
Revenue Sepoys near the disputed Ground
for the purpose of preventing any hostility
between the Parties — Capt. Grant in-
formed me that very large bodies of Tond

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mans people had arrived in the Vicinity of the place in dispute.—

No hostile attempt however was made since the disturbance which happened when Tondiman's Vacqueel arrived at Madura.

I received a Letter from Tondiman apologising for the abrupt Departure of his Vacqueel & informing me that he would depute a person to Madura for the adjustment of the dispute. He also informed me that a party of Chinnah Mundoor's people having reaped some Grain on the disputed ground attempted to carry it away but were prevented by Captain Moore.— The Depositions, written Documents, & correspondence relative to this dispute are voluminous, but I will have Copies of the whole made out, with Copies and Translations of the Persian Letters and transmit them to the board. From these it will be evident that I have done all in my power to procure without delay the Information necessary for drawing out my Report on Tondiman's Claim.—

On the 21st Ult. I received a Letter from Tondiman stating that Chinna Mundoor's people after plundering some Merchants had cut off the Ears of four or five of them & informing me that he had sent the persons

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to Madura that I might from them learn
the Cruelty of Chinna Murdoo. These Men
never arrived, nor have I been able after
the strictest Inquiry, to find that there
is any Truth in the assertion.

I am now in daily expectation of Persons
whom Tondeman informs me he will send
to state his claims, and on his arrival
will resume the Examination of each par-
-ties Pretensions.—

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen Your most Obed.t Ser.t

Madura
11.th Feb.y 92 (Signed) A. Macleod

Lionel Place Esq.r

Sir

Herewith I have the honor to enclose
an account Current for April last and
Statement of the Madura Collections &c
as required by the Board of Assumed Revenue
in their Letter dated 11.th Jan.y—

I have the Honor to be &c—

Madura
25.th Feb.y 92 (Signed) A. Macleod

To the Brother of the Shevagunga Poligar in
the Petta of Ramnad.—

On Receipt of this Letter be pleased to get

ready

for departing from this place so that you and all your People may be out of it by 4 o'clock in the afternoon. It is proper also that you should return into your own district. At any rate you will be pleased to go away from the Ramnad Country with all convenient speed.

(Sign'd) A. Macleod
Coll^r.

Ramnad
3^d March 92

Lionel Place Esqr.
Accountant to the Board of
Revenue Fort S^t. George

Sir

Herewith I have the honor to enclose accounts current with the Renters of Civil Cheny from the Commencement of the present Fusly year to the 29th ultimo. The accounts current with the other Renters shall be transmitted without delay.

I have the honor to be &c.

(Sign'd) A. Macleod
Coll^r.

Madura
10th March 1792

To Lionel Place Esqr.

Sir

Herewith I have the honor to transmit you the accounts of this district for said months &c. also the Pension accounts for the same for the months of January and February last.

I have the honor to be &c.

Madura 25th March

A. Macleod
Coll^r.

Thomas Cockburn Esqr
Accountant to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George —

Sir

On reference to the Orders of the Board of Revenue dated [illegible] that my reasons for retaining in hand a larger Balance than 1000 Pagodas ought to be noted on the back of the same account which shews the larger Balance — As I omitted to do this on the back of the account for last month [illegible] been sent off this day — I beg leave to [illegible] my reasons for not remitting [illegible] you that my [illegible] amount of the Balance in hand [illegible] 1000 Pagodas [illegible] first, that I might be prepared to comply with the Indents for [illegible] sent me by the Paymaster of [illegible] and lastly that there might be a sum in hand to answer the Expences to be incurred in forwarding the supplies of Rice to Palam-cotta — But the Paymaster at Palamcotta having informed me that there would be no necessity to make him a further remittance, and the object of sending supplies to Palamcotta being laid aside I shall take the earliest opportunity of remitting the surplus of the Balance to the Revenue [illegible]

I have the honor to be &c —

Signed [illegible]

Dindigul 25 March 92

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William [illegible] Esq.

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Gentlemen

I should have replied to your letter [illegible] but [illegible] opportunity [illegible] the subject [illegible]

[illegible]

With regard to the Draft [illegible] respecting the collection [illegible] 1200 [illegible] the [illegible] to establish [illegible] the [illegible] Management. [illegible] as I should imagine no [illegible] there can be [illegible] proceeding to Ramnad [illegible] account [illegible] his claim to remission [illegible] account [illegible]

He certainly ought have [illegible] the delivery of that garden [illegible] the [illegible] end of the [illegible] necessity till near the end of the [illegible] period he was confined by a long [illegible] incapable of attending to [illegible] and consequently of making the [illegible]

[illegible] I have the honour [illegible] Collector [illegible] subject of [illegible] Ramnad [illegible] Opinion. I agree with [illegible] [illegible] grounds from [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] with [illegible]

[illegible] of the [illegible]

account [illegible] the Royal [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] and so much [illegible] [illegible]

which [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] to the Royal [illegible]

people people who may [illegible]

during [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

will probably offer. — [illegible]

should [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

lity for disbursing, while he [illegible]

Money on [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Royal [illegible] Orders I think [illegible]

not be a just ground of [illegible]

cause it has been the [illegible]

of [illegible] for the Minister's of [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] disbursements [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from the

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] — [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

William [illegible] [illegible]

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William Harington Esq.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir

Herewith I inclose a Bill of Exchange on Buckanjee house at Madras for Star Pagodas being part of the collections of this District — I am &c.

A. Macleod

Dindigull
11th May '92

Lionel Place Esq.
Accountant to the Board of assumed Revenue Fort St George

Sir

Herewith I inclose the Statements You required from the 13th July 1791 to 30th April last the form is alter'd according to the direction contain'd in Your Letter of the 4th Instant Having just now received Your's of the 12th Inst. inclosing Copy of Proceedings at a Board of Audit I have inserted the new Head for Nabob's Mutseddies as therein directed —

I had drawn out the Statement with the necessary alteration relative to the nett

amount

Amance Collections paid to the Renters in consequence of Your former Directions. This necessarily made an alteration in the Balances in the account Current drawn out conformably to this alteration also account Particulars of Amance Charges &c.^a — as required — In the Statement is a note relative to some Bullocks that died and some that ran away before they were delivered to the agents of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — I request to know whether the amount of these is to be inserted under the Head of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions or under that of Charges Extraordinary. —

I am &c —

(Sign'd) A. Macleod

Ramnad —
May 17th 1792.

Robert Esq
accountant General of
Fort St George

Madura
24th May 92

Sir

Herewith I have the honor to enclose Copy of a Bill drawn by the Paymaster of Madura on the Paymaster General dated 14th May 1792. —

I have the honor to be &c

(Sign'd) A. Macleod